

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Baltimore
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
Foulke Farmhouse				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
Shaw House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
West side Maryland Route 20 (Old North Point Road)				
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:		
Sparrows Point		Second		
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE	
Maryland		Baltimore	005	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
				ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Bethlehem Steel Corporation				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Sparrows Point Plant Administration Building				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE	
Sparrows Point		Maryland	24	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Baltimore County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Chesapeake Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE	CODE	
Towson		Maryland	24	
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Shaw House (currently known as the Foulke Farmhouse) is a large (28' x 56'), rectangular frame house sitting in the midst of a vegetable farm on the west side of Old North Point Road (Md. 20) roughly three miles from the southern terminus of the highway. It is three hundred yards north of North Point Creek a tributary of Old Road Bay at the northern end of the Chesapeake Bay.

The gable end of the house faces east and is three bays wide. The door in the southernmost bay has a rectangular transom and sidelights. The large pane first story windows have two over four sashes which extend downward to a level equal with the door sill. The second story windows have a two over two sash. A paired window exists in the attic gable.

The south facade, now the principal facade, is four bays wide. The eastern central bay contains the door sheltered by a shed roof which is supported by turned posts. The west facade has one window on each floor positioned at the southern end of the facade. On September 12, 1814, Eleanor Shaw used the unassuming second story window to make a hurried exit escaping the improper advances of a British Soldier. A covered access to the cellar exists below the windows. On the north facade a one story addition extends from the middle of the wall around the corner of the west facade. The second story windows exist above the addition. The remaining fenestration consists of one window on the first floor at the eastern end of the north facade.

The present owner placed asphalt shingles over the original clapboard.

There are two chimneys one on the west gable end and another on the south face of the roof.

It is probable that the west end of the house was constructed prior to the eastern section. The cellar exists only underneath the west end. The floor is paved in brick with fieldstone walls with a stone chimney base. The cellar construction supports the concept of the construction of the house in two stages.¹

¹ James T. Wollon, Jr., ATA, to the Maryland Historical Trust, April 12, 1973, and architectural opinion of J. Richard Rivoire, Maryland Historical Trust.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☒ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

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local history☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☒ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Shaw House rests with its association with the War of 1812. During the Battle of North Point the British army occupied the house. General Ross held a staff meeting in the building prior to the Battle of North Point (Sept. 12, 1814). Although the American forces fell back, the casualties inflicted on the British army, including the fatal wounding of General Ross, advance on Baltimore.

The Shaw House is the one of the very structures on Patapsco Neck which is directly associated with the Battle of North Point. As one of the last farms in the area it provides a link for residents to their agricultural heritage in the face of rapid industrialization. The local significance of the Shaw House as an embodiment of the original character of Patapsco Neck as well as a direct link with a military event of national impact gives this farm house an impact far beyond its simple facade.

The Shaw family lived on the farm from the mid 18th century until 1885. A small cemetery marks their presence.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society provided the information from the following sources.

Baltimore County Public Schools. Baltimore County in the State and Nation.

"Battle of Baltimore." The Sun (Baltimore), September 12, 1814.

(see continuation sheet)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
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NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Nancy Miller, Historian mh

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: May, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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"Farmhouse that Survived Invasion." The Evening Sun (Baltimore), February 3, 1953.

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Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society.

Maryland

BA-147

Baltimore County

Old Shaw House

District XV

Q50 - 11/1/64

West side of North Point Rd.
opposite Millers Island Road

Sparrows Point

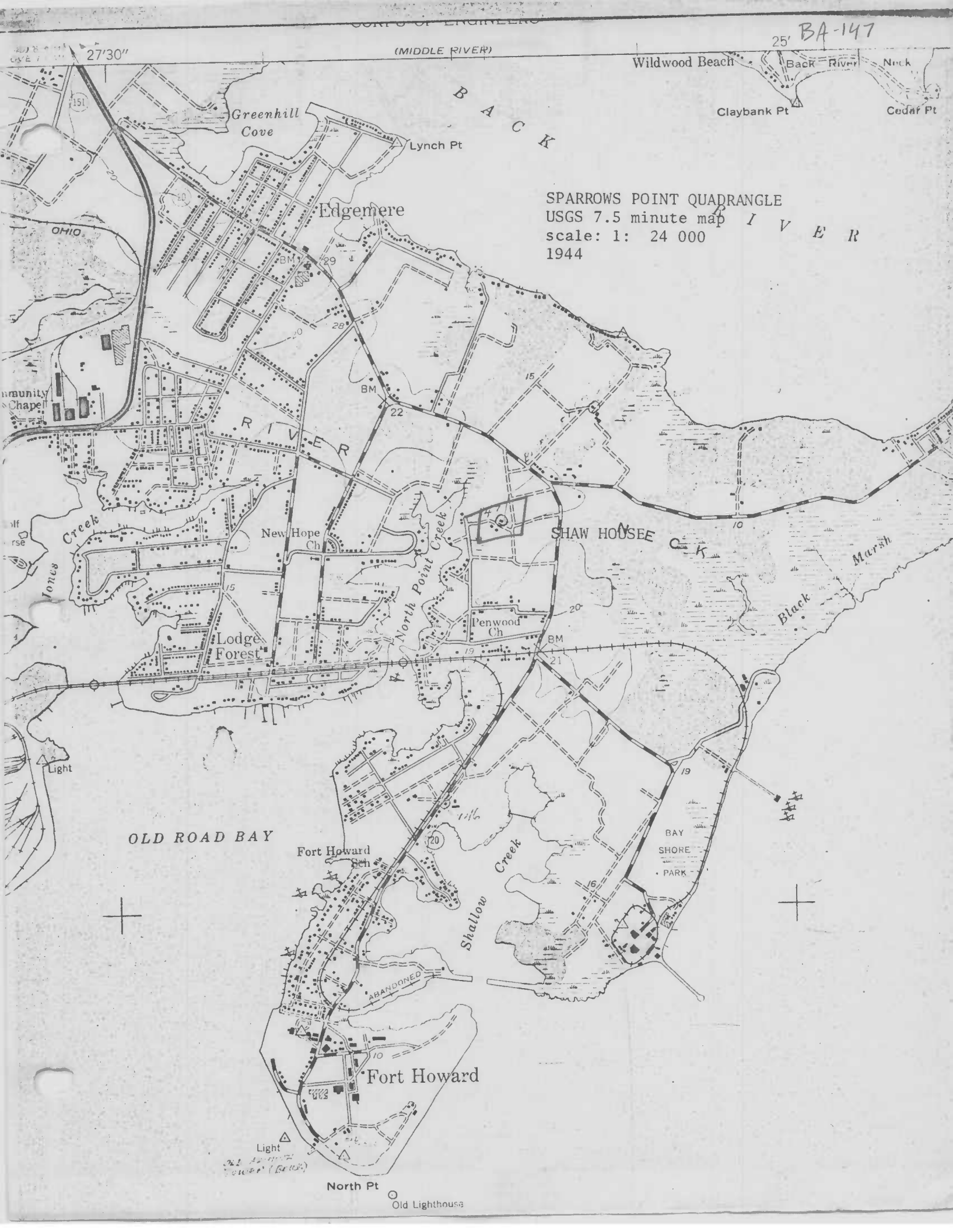
about 1800

Captain William Shaw lived here during the War of 1812. General Ross entered and took over the premises during British invasion of North Point. Frame house, double chimneys, built on very low foundation. Family burial ground. Property now in a neglected condition.

(near or in Lodge Forrest)

(First HABS Report)
E. Frances Offutt
HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 29, 1965



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25'

27'30"

(MIDDLE RIVER)

Wildwood Beach

Back River

Neck

Claybank Pt

Cedar Pt

B
A
C
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Greenhill
Cove

Lynch Pt

Edgemere

SPARROWS POINT QUADRANGLE

USGS 7.5 minute map

scale: 1: 24 000

1944

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V
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R

OHIO

Community
Chapel

Jones
Creek

New Hope
Ch

SHAW HOUSEE

Black
Marsh

Lodge
Forest

North Point
Creek

Penwood
Ch

Light

OLD ROAD BAY

Fort Howard
Bn

BAY
SHORE
PARK

Shallow
Creek

Fort Howard

Light

North Pt

Old Lighthouse



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